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THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 1899

## Canada's

French Canadians Were Too Little for Physical Standard First Set.

Two Majors Appointed and Chaplains in Suspense--Rousing Farewells.

Further Gifts for British Colu bia Recruits Forwarded Yesterday.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.-The announceme that no company of French-Canadians would be enlisted created much talk. It there is a large representation of sonar-lations. Acting on this theory instruc-tions were issued to-day lowering the departmental standard both as regards chest measurement and height, for the brench-Canadian company. This is the British destitute away immediately. This is somewhat rough upon other military districts where men of splendid physique have been rejected simply because they were half an inch short of the requisite where the property of the requisite where the property of the prop

The report that Minister Borden was reconsidering his decision in reference to the appointment of chaplains and that there was a possibility of two being selected has led to a renewal of applications for these positions. Rev. Peter M. O'Leary of Quebec arrived in town to-day looking for the Roman Catholic chaplainship. Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Dr. Campbell called upon the minister of militia in reference to the appointment considering his decision in reference Party of Footsore Refugees Mistaket of a Presbyterian clergyman as Protest-int minister. The minister stated toight that it was not yet decidedly setwith the contingent and camp equipment or that number. This is done as a pre-

There is still no word from the war like with reference to postal officials C PE DUTCH rom Canada.

The department of militia is rapidly-losing up mobilization arrangements. After to-morrow the business relating to the Canadian contingent will centre at

the city of Quebec be two majors for the regiment, Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., and Col. Gordon, D.OC., Montreal. Major Drummond, Scots Guards, will be chief staff officer.

OTTAWA'S FAREWELL. The Ottawa half company of 70 men got a magnificent send-off to-night. The city went almost wild over them, thousands lining the streets and thronging the station and spread approaches. The send approaches the satisfaction to the Outlanders. He is beginning the station and approaches. ands lining the streets and thronging the station and approaches. The cheering was continuous. Before the departure from the drill hall the men were addressed by Mayor Payment. Dr. Borden dressed dressed dressed by Mayor Payment. Dr. Borden dressed dress behaviour on the whole is excellent, considering the great amount of sympathy that in your hands the honor of Canada and the first point of the Events is a serious behaviour on the whole is excellent, considering the great amount of sympathy they feel for their kinsmen in Transvaal is much cathusiasm.

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listed here left at noon for Que-hey received a rousing farewell. REBRITISH COLUMBIANS.

James F. Garden, Mayor,"

GAOLBIRDS FROM TRANSVAAL

A Thousand of Them Join Refugees at Delagoa Bay-Transport for the British.

Lorenzo Marquez, Oct. 21-(Delayed in is now announced that this is not due transmission)—The town is fairly overto any unwillingness of men to come forward but as the physical standard 1,000 persons released from the Transforward but as the physical standard 1,000 persons released from the Trans- war office soon after midnight: of the Gallic race is not as high as that vaal gaols. Thousands of natives, men "Ladysmith, Oct. 24.—(9 p.m.)—Infor

A FALSE ALARM

people assembled to witness their entry. It proved, however, that the reported commando was only a party of refugees who, for lack of train accommodations, who, for lack of train accommodations, which the contingent and camp equipment who, for lack of train accommodations, were obliged to walk the entire distance. There are now altogether 500 refugees and all are doing well. at Colesburg and all are doing well

IMPRESSED.

It was settled to-day that there will Glad That British Successes Make Their Revolt Out of the Question.

The detachment were accompanied to the station by the local corps, the veterans of 1866-70 and the public school and Mafeking with the wildest enthusiasm of 1866-70 and the public school and the pub

Though Outnumbered Three to One.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 25 .- The following des-

of the Apglo-Saxon, sufficient men were and women, are huddled together and mation received yesterday showed that not forthcoming to comply with the regu-

from the drill hall the men were addressed by Mayor Payment, Dr. Borden, Col. Foster and others. The minister of militia congratulated the city on the ready response to the call to arms. He said it was a matter for congratulation that so many were willing to take part in the defence of the Empire. "I have only this to say," Dr. Borden remarked on conclusion, "that this is a serious in conclusion, "that this is a serious business which you are undertaking. I may be a support of the color of the

"The fighting to-day outside Lady-

A PREMATURE REPORT.

How the Associated Press Forestalled

Vancouver, Oct. 24.—Several local firms have sent consignments of treight to the British Columbian African contingent by to-day's train. The list of contributors include the Hudson's Bay Company, Kelly, Douglas & Co., Ramsay Bros. (two parcels), W. H. Malkin & Co., Kurtz & Co., W. Tietjen, Turner. Beeton & Co., McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., Johnson & Burnett and Lt.-Col. Worsnop.

The citizens' contribution to the Vancouver soldlers is still growing. The following message was wired East to day: "Capt, Blanchard, British Columbia Contingent: Fifty dollars here for each of our men. Please inquire if any one wishes the amount to be paid to friends here. If so their instructions will be faithfully carried out. Otherwise the whole amount will be wired to Queble of the Malkin Representation of the State Before Junction of its Troops with Joubert's.

An Artillery Brush Prevents Enemy from Molesting Retreat of Yule's Command.

British Troops in Natal Confident Though Outpumbered.

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Joubert.

The mistake arose through a Glencoe Camp despatch of this morning, telling of the attack made by the Boer forces under Gen. Lucas Meyers on the British position, incorrectly speaking of the fight as having occurred Saturday, when the correspondent meant Friday. His message was therefore taken as confirmation of the despatch of yesterday announcing a renewed attack on Glencoe.

The war office has received a despatch

a renewed attack on Giencoe.

The war office has received a despatch from Gen. Sir George Stewart White, the British commander in Natal, dated at Ladysmith Camp, 4:45 p. m., to-day, and saying: "Gen, Yule telegraphed me patch from Gen. Sir Geo. Stewart yesterday morning wounded at Dundee White, to the Marquis of Lansdowne, were doing well." This despatch partly

FROM OTHER CITIES

Winnipeg's Best Young Men Added to Western Company-Montreal Still Recruiting.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—(Special)—Eight night: men from the Royal Canadian Dragoons dee force, formerly commanded by Gen. stationed here will accompany the Win-Symons, and since his wound command-nipeg company to the Transvaal. The

trench himself as strongly as possible and guard Natal, his own position of de-

perts considering his position confirmed the Natal general's opinion, it seemed

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### **Fighting** At Glencoe.

Kruger Joins Joubert in Directing Desperate Assault on Entrenched British.

Dundee Also Menaced and Col. Yule Forced to Retire for Position.

retoria Has Wild Report From Mafeking--Rhodes Appeals for Troops.

By Associated Press.

spatch from Ladysmith, dated Sunday

"A large force under Commandant Vogal opened fire on Dundee yesterday. The firing was continued to-day. The

# On West Coast

Port Hughes Settlement Called Into Existence With Post Office and Hotel.

British Pacific Company's Property-Attractive P an for

festly in its interest to devote all its energies to the development of this property. As the group was situated about 2½ miles from the salt water at the head of Eedwell sound, the company immediately set about securing a wharf site there, and accordingly obtained from the provincial government a 21-year lease of the only) portion of land having a deep water frontage at that point.

Its next move was to construct a floating dock and warehouse for receiving supplies and shipping ore, etc.

Communication was opened with the post office department at Ottawa, with the view of having a post office estab-

post office department at Uttawa, the view of having a post office established to be known as Port Hughes, with the result that assurances have been received by the company that a post office will be established there in the near furnish

In the meantime development work In the meantime development work has been pushed forward vigorously, shaft sunk and tunnels driven, as many men being employed as could be worked to advantage. The supplies necessary for maintaining the force of men employed here and in connection with other mines in the vicinity soon necessitated the establishment of a regular service to this port by the C. P. N. Co. at least every two weeks, and oftener if required.

London, Oct. 24.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following from Ladysmith, dated Sunday, 2:10 p. m.:

"The Boers, reported to be strong and under Commandant-General Joubert and President Kruger in person, are again attacking Glencoe. Gen. Yule, commanding our troops, has moved his camp back into a better defensive position."

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 24.—Interesting and graphic accounts are supplied by the war correspondents of the battle of Elands-laagte, from which the following are extracts: "The Daily Telegraph says: "Gen. French commenced the action at 6:30 a.m. The enemy had only just finished coffee, when they were surprised, and nearly all our prisoners were caught

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per to call attention to the published advertisement of the company respecting the offer it has made to the public therein, which so far as we are aware, has never been made by any mining company in this country. So desirous are the made them conspicuous targets. pany in this country. So desirous are the directors of leaving nothing undone to safeguard the interests of present and prospective investors in this company's ing fall of darkness was a great factor in the last phases of the fight. making return to such persons all the money the capture of the position at once absorbey put in in dividends before the dirlutely imperative. By this time the

Brilliant Bravery

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British Troops Gallantly Answered Call for Victory Before Light Failed.

How Boer Treachery Aroused Fury of Gordon Highlanders and Manchesters.

Correspondents Send Graphic Accounts of the Battle at Elandslaagte.

By Associated Press.

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is little doubt that in the near future ne is little doubt that in the near future ne will be amply repaid for his outlay, as the attractions of the locality for tourists and mining men become more widely bears, but the whites were treated fairly well, though they were made to take an other remain neutral, etc.

at Earl's Court exhibition, London, are on view. All inquirers will there receive the most obliging and courteous attention from Mr. I. K. Compobil who "Although we gave the prisoners the best seats around the camp fires, many of the poor wounded had to lie out on the best information in his possession respecting this valuable property.

And in this connection it is only proterrible night, crying 'For God's sake give us water; out here are British and Boers; get us a doctor.' One man fired

relertaking, that they have agreed to in the last phases of the fight, making